Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was Mr. Ikkanda Warriar directly recruited from the bar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Seniority among District Registrars.

300. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which and the grades in which Messrs. C. S. Ikkanda Warriar, N. Ramankutty, K. Kuruvilla and N. O. Peter were first appointed to act as Registrars or Joint District Registrars;

(2) whether any of the above had any unbroken service in the State before their appointments as Registrars and if so, the length of such services and the pay they were drawing prior to the respective dates of their appointment (as Registrars);

(3) the qualifications of the above said gentlemen;

(4) the present order of seniority among them;

(5) whether Mr. Kuruvilla has passed the Registration test;

(6) whether the rules (1) that "seniority in a grade for purposes of promotion should be counted from the date of permanent appointment to that grade" and (2) "Resignation from State Service entails forfeiture of past service" are not still in force?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Mr. C. S. Ikkanda Warriar Rs. 60—80., 14th March 1930.

Mr. N. Ramankutty Rs. 60—80., 8th November 1930.

Mr. K. Kuruvilla Rs. 60—80., 13th July 1931.

Mr. N. O. Petter Rs. 60., 25th April 1930.

(2) Yes. Messrs. N. Ramankutty and N. O. Peter. Mr. N. Ramankutty 7 years 4 months and 26 days.

Mr. N. O. Peter 2½ years. Information regarding their pay before their appointment as Registrars is being collected.

(3) Mr. C. S. Ikkanda Warriar, B. A. and B. L,

Mr. N. Ramankutty, B. A. and B. L.

Mr. K. Kuruvilla, B. A. and B. L.

Mr. N. O. Peter, B. A.

(4) Mr. N. Ramankutty

Mr. K. Kuruvilla

Mr. N. O. Peter

Mr. C. S. Ikkanda Warriar.

(5) No. Law graduates are not required to pass the Test.

(6) Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were Messrs. N. Ramankutty, Kuruvilla and Peter appointed on Rs. 60—80 after Mr. Ikkanda Warriar was appointed on Rs. 60—80?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. It was after.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why were the others made senior to Mr. Ikkanda Warriar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because the rule is that besides seniority among acting hands, the total service that the respective officers have put in in all the departments together should be counted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Suppose there is a B. L. clerk in the Munsiff's Court who has 15 years' service. Will he not be senior to a Munsiff who is recently recruited from the bar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I regret I cannot answer a hypothetical question like that, because it involves so many factors.

Mr E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Had Mr. Kuruvilla any past service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. He was in the Education Department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did not he resign that post before he left it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there not a rule that resignation entails forfeiture of service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did the Government apply that rule to Mr. Kuruvilla?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In his case it was ordered that though he resigned as a special case he may be given the benefit of his service. Acting service in all the departments are being taken into consideration. He resigned, after all not for any odious reasons, only to improve his qualifications.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any special reason for giving exemption to Mr. Kuruvilla?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is the special reason.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did his resignation letter show that he was going for higher studies?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He did go for higher studies. I want notice to say whether his resignation letter contains that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When was that exemption made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Two months back when these confirmations were made.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has Mr. Peter passed the the Registration Test?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is not the passing of the Registration Test a qualification for being a Registrar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a qualification.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does it not mean that Mr. Peter is not fully qualified?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He is studying for Law.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is he not in service now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He is on long study leave now.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there not a rule that he will have no lien in the case of long leave?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no definite rule like that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there a practice that a man would keep his lien on his post even if he is on long leave?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He can do that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When did he go to qualify himself for the bar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A year-and-a-half ago.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has not Mr. Warriar been in service from 1105?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. But Mr. Peter has been in service from an earlier date.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was not Mr. Peter a clerk while Mr. Warriar was a Registrar in the Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes; but Mr. Peter was a permanent clerk while Mr. Warriar was an acting hand.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was he drawing Rs. 25 when Mr. Warriar was drawing Rs. 60?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it not the practice of Government to count the service in a particular grade for purposes of promotion?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That rule applies more to permanent officers.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it true that whatever service a man has in whatever grades it will be counted for promotion?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So long as they are acting in the same grade.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will not the factor as to who began to act in the higher grade count?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not according to the latest Standing Order?

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what the Standing Order is?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That total service in all the departments will be considered to decide seniority among acting hands in a particular grade.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it made for the purpose of adjusting these cases?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That rule was passed to set right several inequalities that existed long ago.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know when it was passed? Was it when Mr. Warriar's case was considered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was passed four or five months ago.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When was this posting?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Two months back.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was not this point also in consideration at that time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This point was decided.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the notes to Standing Order No. 17 are still in force?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are still in force; but they have to be read with the amendments to Standing Order No. 16.

Loss to the Sirkar by a sale of monopoly trees in Pothundi village.

301. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it is a fact that the monopoly trees standing in Survey No. 727 of Pothundy village were sold in public auction to one Mr. S. Muhamed Rowther of Chittalanchery before the issue of Royal Proclamation regarding the monopoly trees;

(2) whether one Mr. V. K. Nayar complained that the trees were standing in his land and that no pass should be issued to Mr. Rowther for the transport of timber;

(3) whether the Conservator had not ordered that no pass should be issued and no timber transported;

(4) whether the claims of Mr. V. K. Nayar were considered and the trees given to Mr. Rowther;

(5) if not, what became of the timber felled by Mr. Rowther;

(6) what was the amount spent by the department towards the T. A. of the officers who had visited the spot in quest of the timber;

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